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5 December 1951

Memorandum for: The Director

From: Legislative Counsel

Subject: Pan American Institute of Geography
and History.

1. On 21 September 1950, Mr. Willard Barber, Acting Assistant Secretary of State, requested the views of CIA regarding the benefits to the United States of participation in the work of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History. The DCI replied on 2 October 1950, indicating that if the work of the Institute's Commissions were to continue along the lines already established, CIA felt that the proposed U. S. Government support was more than justified. This unclassified correspondence is attached herewith.

2. On 4 December 1951, Dr. Samuel W. Boggs, Special Advisor on Geography in the Office of Intelligence Research, Department of State, called to request permission for State to release the CIA reply to certain Congressional committees.

3. With the approval of Mr. Armstrong's office in the State Department, I have talked with Dr. Boggs to determine the purpose of his request. It appears that the State Department is requesting the Congress to authorize an increase of U. S. Government contribution to the Pan American Institute of Geography and History from \$10,000 to \$50,000. It is seeking this approval initially either from the House Foreign Affairs Committee or the House Appropriations Committee (or both). The State Department has submitted a memorandum to these committees in support of their position. That memorandum cites several letters in support, including the CIA letter of 2 October 1950. The committees have now requested to see the text of these letters and the State Department feels that it cannot release ours without our permission.

4. Before concurring in the release of the CIA letter of 2 October 1950 to Congressional committees, you may desire to have the CIA position reviewed, both from the substantive standpoint and from the standpoint of any derogatory information which might be in the possession of O/SO regarding the Institute. This latter point does not seem to have been covered when the original letter was sent.

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REMARKS:

Mr. Dulles agrees to the release of the paper in question upon assurance that there is no derogatory information respecting the organization in CIA offices concerned.

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I have checked with [redacted] of OSO,
who informs me that neither CIA nor the FBI have
any derogatory information the Pan American
Institute of Geography and History.

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-In line with the approval from Mr. Dulles,
I have informed Dr. Boggs, that CIA has no objection
to the release of this letter to appropriate Congress-
ional Committees. I suggested to Dr. Boggs that it
might be advisable not to give any public dissemina-
tion to the letter so that propaganda could not be made
of the fact that CIA was endorsing this organization
as useful to its activities.

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